

FAQ

The grandfathering deadlines state that a court reporting must be licensed to engage in the practice of court reporting after July 1, 2010, but there is also a deadline for July 1, 2011. How is the deadline of July 1, 2011 applicable?

All court reporters must be licensed by July 1, 2010 to engage in the practice of court reporting. The deadline of July 1, 2011 applies to a reporter if the court reporter is eligible for grandfathering but does not plan on working until late 2010 or early 2011. For example, if a reporter plans to leave the country or take a medical leave for an extended period of time, the court reporter may wish to delay applying for a license until closer to the date of returning to work. After July 1, 2011 no one will be able to be licensed by grandfathering.

If I go ahead and apply now, will the license start from the date it's processed or July 1, 2010?

All applications received now will become effective on July 1, 2010 since the law takes effect on that date.

If I am currently a member of TCRA with the CCR designation but was not a member until after July 1, 2009, can I still be grandfathered in by the Credential method?

No. To be eligible for grandfathering by TCRA membership, court reporters must have been a member of TCRA on July 1, 2009.

If I take a CEU course before July 1, 2010 will it count toward the CEU requirements for the next renewal?

No. Since the law does not take effect until July 1, 2010, the CEU requirement cannot begin prior to that date.

If I take a deposition here in TN but the attorneys are from another state, does our licensure hold up or should I still notarize the certificate page?

If the case is a TN case your license would be sufficient, but if the case is in another state you may need to notarize your certificate page, depending upon the requirements of that state.

If I take a deposition for a federal case under the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, does TN licensure hold up or should I still notarize the certificate page?

You should comply with the requirements of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and any applicable federal laws. These may require you to notarize the certification.

If I take a deposition under the Rules of Civil Procedure for another state, does TN licensure hold up or should I still notarize the certificate page?

You should comply with the requirements of the laws and Rules of Civil Procedure for that state. These may require you to notarize the certification.